

## "Used Influence With Tumulty; Got Contracts"

Newark, N. J., March 12.—That he had used his influence with Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to president Wilson, and others to get building contracts at Camp Merritt, N. J., for William H. Fissell, New York contractor, was the assertion of James H. Nagent, former Democratic leader in New Jersey, testifying in the court of chancery, where he is suing the contractor for an accounting.

Nagent testified that he called several times on secretary Tumulty and was introduced by him to several persons on the army board with which he had to deal. He gradually got the firm of Fissell and company into a position where it was recognized, he told the court.

Nagent alleged that Fissell made \$150,000 on the Camp Merritt contract and that according to the "gentlemen's agreement" between them the profits were to have been on a "fifty-fifty" basis.

Fissell testified that Nagent was "let out" when he found that Fissell had failed to get an invitation to bid on anything larger than a \$250,000 building proposition.

Mrs. Anne L. Langbecker, recently elected a member of the Philadelphia board of education, is the first of her sex to sit under the new school code.

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## Could Have Kept U.S. Neutral, Says Von Bernstorff

Berlin, Germany, March 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, has been trying his skill at public speaking in Berlin during the past week as a preparatory training for his fall campaign for a seat in the national assembly. He addressed audiences on various subjects last night and announced a large attendance at the Grunewald with a recital of his Washington experiences.

The former ambassador told the audience he was confident his efforts to keep the United States out of the war would have been successful except for the intervention of the German military "crowd" at the moment when prospects were brightest.

President Wilson's failure to secure recognition of his 14 points, he believed, was due to the fact that the German military "crowd" was more dominating figures in the conference.

Von Bernstorff was cross examined for fully an hour after he had concluded by his auditors, most of whom wanted him to explain why the president had ostensibly worked for a just peace in the fall and winter of 1918-19 and then failed to negotiate one subsequently.

An elderly woman told the former ambassador that he was altogether wrong in his optimistic estimates of the president of the United States, who, she declared, "has completely duped us with his 14 points."

Representative of Peace.

Von Bernstorff asserted that even today he was not informed as to what military quarters in Germany had inspired the American plots and crimes not charged up to von Papen, Bay-De and others.

In the course of his revelations now being published count von Bernstorff denies that the leaders of the German propaganda bureau in the United States had attempted to play off Japan and Mexico against the United States.

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## LittleBobbie'sPa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK

PA, I said last night, is our Persian cat from the palm town at Mister Omar's, the Persian poet?

Who is Mister Omar? and Ma. Do you mean O'Hara?

He means Omar Kivi, and Pa, the great Persian singer. Kivi is a good name for a singer of that sort. If he was anything like the girl in the next flat to us, and Pa.

Who was he? I said.

Omar Kivi, and Pa, was a great poet who lived many hundred years ago. Poets didn't have any daily papers on which to work in those days, and Pa, so it was pretty slim picking for them. He had to make a living on the side making tents, and Pa, I don't know if he made good tents, but he made good poetry. It will last long, sun of it.

It has lasted long as it is, and Ma. Listen, Bobbie, and Ma, I will write a verse of it for you. I sometimes think that never blooms so red.

The rose as were sun buried Caesar died.

That every El-a-stoth the garding wars.

Dropped in her lap from sun onst lovely bed.

That is it, and Ma, & it is very beautiful.

You got one word wrong, and Pa, you said buried Caesar instead of buried Caesar.

Caesar is rise, and Ma. Caesar is sun of yore riched along, which was unknown in the days of Mister Kivi.

I always thought Persians made rugs instead of rising, I said.

You can't go by that, Bobbie, and Pa. These anshunts was moor nobbler sometimes than the modern ginks. The anshunt Greeks fought at the siege of Troy, and Pa, with shining swords, while the modern Greeks sell flowers & shine shoes, and Pa. The anshunt Romans held the bridge with Horatius & thundered down the passes of Italy, and Pa, & the modern Romans sell newspapers & go in the prize ring, and Pa. Times has changed, Pa, and only a few of us are nobel now.

How true it is, and Ma. I was reading a beautiful story last night about the anshunt Gypsies, & I couldn't help thinking how much finer they were than them Gypsies that stole our chickens last summer, and Ma, & still they say the world is getting better.

Sum of us are rising while others are rotting back, and Pa. It is the same, eternal surge of Time & Change, and Pa, which is being played with the centuries in the Audiences, Pa, and, I guess that's had it, Pa.

You are very eloquent tonight, and Ma. It makes me think of the days when you was courting me.

& then Pa looked pretty big around the chest like he looked when they asked him to run for alderman the time he got skinned.

Only One Suit Since 1917

Record of Bank President

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—One new suit of clothes since 1917.

One new pair of shoes since 1917.

Never paid more than \$50 for a suit of clothes in his life and that was for his last one.

No, not the shade of Russell Sage speaking—he is H. A. Trevor, president of the First Trust & Savings bank of Chicago.

"What we need today to bring down the high cost of living is thrift and more production," he says. "The people seem to be afflicted with spending hysteria because they have money."

Seventh Woman Wins Pilot License in France

Paris, France, March 12.—Mlle. Adrienne Boland is the seventh woman to be licensed as an aviator in France, having just passed her pilot's test under the eye of an official of the Aero club.

Of the six women who preceded her, Mlle. Laroche met a terrible death, Mlle. Hervieux is an aviation instructor in the United States, Mlle. Deltieux is at the head of a new industry, and Mmes. Fallier and Reine Thomas have abandoned aviation. Mlle. Jane Hervieux is still flying.

WOMAN GIVEN 20 YEARS FOR MURDER OF HER SON.

Rainolander, Wis., March 12.—Mrs. Stanley Blomski was sentenced Thursday to serve 20 years in prison for the murder by beating of her six-year-old son. Her husband, tried on the same charge, was acquitted by the jury.

Be Careful What You Wash Your Hair With.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is Stimulated coconut oil shampoo, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's a clean, clear, and healthy hair tonic. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

CLEMONSON COLLEGE STUDENTS LEAVE SCHOOL AS PROTEST

Anderson, S. C., March 12.—After practically all members of the freshmen and sophomore classes of Clemson college had left the institution Thursday as a protest against disciplinary action by the faculty toward underclass men, president Dikes announced a general leave of absence for all students pending investigation of grievances by the board of trustees.

Ring Lost Year Found Round Neck of Dead Rat

Fairmont, W. Va., March 12.—Miss Mudge Kinsey, 14-year-old daughter of Benjamin Kinsey, of near here, lost a ring last spring while feeding pigs. The other day her father found a dead rat with the ring around its neck. The rat had died of starvation, and the ring was found in its stomach.

Wholesale Jail Delivery Is Averted by Warden

Rawlins, Wyo., March 12.—A wholesale jail delivery that would have turned "Vanishing Bill" Carlisle, famous train robber, loose with other notorious inmates of the Wyoming state prison, was averted when W. H. Brown, acting warden of the penitentiary, discovered an insidious skeleton key in the cell of one of the prisoners. With steel and tin the convict had manufactured a contrivance that would open every cell in the jail.

AVIATOR CROSSES ANDES TWICE WITHOUT LANDING

Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 12.—Capt. Parodi, an Argentine flyer, has crossed the Andes twice without landing. He piloted his plane from Mendoza, Argentina, to a point over Santiago, Chile, and returned to Mendoza without having touched ground during the entire trip.

Fat Men Besiege Office of Chicago Physician

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—The star of the fat men shines brightly now. As a result of an operation whereby Dr. Max Thorak, a Chicago surgeon, passed 100 pounds of surplus avoirdupois from the "bay window" of Paul Biese, who weighed 480 pounds before going to the operating table, many heavyweights are preparing to get strapped into syphonlike form. So many have applied for the operation after years of fruitless dieting and unproductive messages, that Dr. Thorak has become known as "The Fat Man's Samaritan."

MOTHER HANGS SELF FROM TREE

Red Bay, Ala., March 12.—After climbing to the top of a tall tree Mrs. Wester Colburn, 28 years old, mother of six children, tied a rope about her neck and jumped. Her husband found her body swinging in the breeze. In order to better enable her to climb Mrs. Colburn had removed her shoes. She had not been in good health.

Teachers Resign, Students Put Crape on School Door

Wheeling, W. Va., March 12.—Teachers and students arriving at the high school building here recently found crape on the door and a card bearing the inscription: "Dedicated to those who are gone but not forgotten." It was supposed to be in memoriam to four lady teachers who had resigned to accept better positions elsewhere. On the doors of the rooms where these teachers had classes were "to let" signs.

ARGENTINE ELECTION RETURNS SHOW RADICALS IN LEAD

Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 9.—First returns from Sunday's elections to the congress of Argentina, the counting of which was begun today, showed the radicals in the lead. On the early returns that party appears to have elected half as many again of its candidates as the Socialists, with the progressive democratic close behind the Socialists.

Mystery Malady Causes Prisoners To Go Blind

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—A mysterious malady, which has caused the death of two prisoners at Dannemora prison, caused five to become blind and 25 to partially lose their sight within the past week, was reported by superintendent of prisons Charles T. Hattican, upon his return from the prison.

Several prisoners were afflicted last week, one dying Friday and another on Tuesday.

Doctors Recommend Bon-Opto for the Eyes

Physicians and eye specialists prescribe Bon-Opto as a safe home remedy in the treatment of eye troubles and to strengthen eyesight. Sold under money refund guarantee by all druggists.

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